

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct an error.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 4, 7, and 8. Since claim 8 was indicated as being allowable, claim 1 should now be allowable.

Claim 13 has been amended to more clearly define over the art of record.

Claims 13-15 and 17 stand rejected as obvious over Farquhar U.S. 3,303,582 in view of Hernecq FR 2 575 575 (referred to by the examiner as Herni). To the extent that this rejection would be applied to claim 13 as presently amended, it is traversed for the reasons following.

Farquhar discloses a terrestrial-celestial display apparatus comprising a light transmissive inner hollow body 100 that has a central axis and a surface with images thereon, and an outer hollow body 20 having a common central axis and a surface on which celestial bodies are printed for projection onto a dome-like viewing surface mounted above the projection unit (col. 1, lines 34-39).

The outer hollow body does not have "an area comprising translucent material which serves as a projection screen onto which the images can be projected" (claim 13). On the contrary, "the transparent star map projection globe 20.... is preferably manufactured from a transparent plastic" (col. 3, lines 23-26). There is no indication whatsoever that the globe 20 can have a transparent area which serves as a projection screen on which the images on the inner globe can be projected. Hernecq is cited only for its use of an electric motor to rotate the outer hollow body and likewise does not suggest applicants' projection screen as claimed.


In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all pending claims are now allowable over the art of record, wherefore withdrawal of the rejection and early allowance are solicited.

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It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application; however, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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